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SUBJECT: ASSURANCE ON CONTINUITY US FOREIGN POLICY

1. DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL MORNING AUGUST 10 MET

COLLECTIVELY WITH NUMBER ASIAN CHIEFS OF MISSION TO PROVIDE  
ASSURANCES ABOUT CONTINUITY OF US FOREIGN POLICY UNDER NEW  
FORD ADMINISTRATION. MEETING WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO SESSIONS  
WITH DIVISION BASED ON EXISTENCE OR NOT OF SECURITY TIES

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WITH US. FIRST SESSION WAS WITH AUSTRALIAN, KOREAN, NEW

ZEALAND, PHILIPPINE, ROC AMBASSADORS AND THAI CHARGE; SECOND SESSION ATTENDED BY BURMESE AND CAMBODIAN AMBASSADORS AND FIJI, INDONESIAN, LAOS, MALAYSIA AND SINGAPORE CHARGES. FYI - JAPANESE, VIETNAMESE AMBASSADORS AND PRCLO CHIEF AUGUST 9 MET SEPARATELY WITH PRESIDENT AND SECSTATE.

2. DEPUTY SECRETARY IN BOTH SESSIONS RELATED PRESIDENT FORD'S DESIRE TO INFORM ASIAN GOVERNMENTS THAT NEW ADMINISTRATION WOULD CONTINUE NIXON'S FOREIGN POLICIES, MAINTAIN EXISTING US COMMITMENTS AND RETAIN DR. KISSINGER AS SECRETARY OF STATE TO ASSURE SUCH CONTINUITY. HE NOTED THAT THIS DESIRE IS REFLECTED IN PRESIDENT FORD'S LETTER TO SOME HEADS OF STATE AS ONE OF HIS FIRST OFFICIAL ACTS AND IN THIS MEETING WHICH TAKING PLACE WITHIN 24 HOURS OF SWEARING IN OF NEW PRESIDENT.

3. DEPUTY SECRETARY SAID IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION THAT IT POSSIBLE THAT, Owing TO INDIVIDUAL DIFFERENCES, THERE MIGHT BE SOME STYLISTIC CHANGES IN NEW PRESIDENT'S CONDUCT OF POLICIES, BUT AGAIN STRESSED THERE WOULD BE NO ABRUPT, SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES. HE POINTED TO STRONG BI-PARTISAN CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC SUPPORT OF EXISTING POLICIES AS ADDITIONAL STRONG ELEMENTS FOR CONTINUITY.

4. ATTENDEES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION WITH ASSURANCES, WITH INDONESIAN CHARGE RELATING THAT FONMIN MALIK YESTERDAY HAD EXPRESSED PLEASURE OVER RETENTION DR. KISSINGER. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY'S OBSERVATION THAT ORDERLY TRANSITION OF POWER ATTESTS TO STRENGTH OF US INSTITUTIONS AND WOULD BE BENEFICIAL TO INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE. AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND AMBASSADORS ASKED ABOUT POSSIBILITY THEIR PM'S CALLING ON PRESIDENT DURING PLANNED PRESENCE FOR OPENING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, BUT NO ENCOURAGEMENT WAS OFFERED ABOUT POSSIBILITY SUCH MEETINGS. KHMER AMBASSADOR OBSERVED THAT ASSURANCE OF CONTINUITY PARTICULARLY WELCOME TO NATIONS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING GREAT HARDSHIPS. KISSINGER

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